

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 with the following:

This application claims the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/415,013, filed 10/1/02, entitled "Suspending, Guiding and Propelling Vehicles Using Magnetic Forces." This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Application Serial No. 10/262,541, filed 10/1/02, entitled "Synchronous Machine Design and Manufacturing", which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/326,278, filed 10/1/01, entitled "Synchronous Machine Design and Manufacturing". The teachings of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference.